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WCPL collecting winter clothing for Helping Hands Mission Store

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) is collecting winter clothes for those in need, and they're asking for the community's assistance this holiday season. A collection box for scarves, hats and gloves to donate to those in need of warmth this season has been set up in the library's lobby until the end of the year. Donated warm winter wear will be given to the Helping Hands Mission Store. For more information, call 260-563-2972 or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us.

Wabash City Hall closing for New Year's holiday

Wabash City Hall and all non-essential departments of the city of Wabash will be closed on New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31, "so our employees can celebrate the new year with their families," said Mayor Scott Long's assistant Bev Vanderpool. Wabash City Hall and all non-essential departments will re-open for business at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3.

Living Gift Market fundraiser for Heifer International continues through Dec. 31

The 34th Living Gift Market for Heifer International

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Holiday edition

Because New Year's is a postal holiday, we will not be producing a print edition of the newspaper on Saturday.

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Top stories of 2021



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Mayor Scott Long receives the first COVID-19 vaccine at the Wabash County Museum clinic on Thursday, Jan. 14.

The Plain Dealer looks back at the local stories which defined a year like none other

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As 2021 comes to a close, Wabash County looks back at a year full of opportunities and challenges. The following are the Plain Dealer's top 10 stories of the year.

1. COVID-19 pandemic enters the second year

At the start of 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic was entering its second year. Hope was on the horizon, though, as mass vaccinations began – first for those 65 and over and, later, down to all those 5 and over. Meanwhile, the local advisory level was lowered and the state's mask mandate was lifted. But, the latter half of 2021 proved more challenging as new, more infectious variants made the rounds and local vaccination rates lagged. As 2022 begins, Wabash County has been labeled in the red, or highest level, for more than a month and less than half of all eligible local residents have received even a single dose. Booster shots are also now available for all adults, but convincing Hoosiers to take the shots continues to be a challenge for state and local officials.

2. Northfield captures Class A softball state title

In June, the Northfield High School softball team made history. After winning the Class A state championship game 3-1 on Center Grove's Russ Milligan Field against Clay City, the Norsemen



Photo by Scott Hunt / shunt@chronicle-tribune.com

Northfield senior Addi Baker is congratulated by her dad and Norse coach Brandon Baker as she rounds third base after slugging a game-tying home run in the sixth inning of the Class A softball state championship game. Baker added a two-run homer in the seventh to lift Northfield to a 3-1 win over Clay City.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

On Wednesday, July 14 in Honeywell Center Plaza dozens of community members gathered for the Imagine One 85 Summit.

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NMPL to hold fifth annual Fine Forgiveness Week

Patrons will have a chance to clear accounts from Jan. 3 to 8

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Next week, the North Manchester Public Library will be "celebrating the new year and new beginnings" by forgiving library fines on overdue materials, said adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann.

The NMPL's fifth annual Fine Forgiveness Week will last from Monday, Jan. 3 through Saturday, Jan. 8.

"If patrons have overdue library materials, we're asking them to bring them to the library during Fine Forgiveness Week and all fines for returned items will be forgiven," said Hann.

Hann said this year's event will include another exciting change.

"As most of our patrons know, we don't charge any late fees for books, magazines or audios," said Hann. "We do charge late fees for DVDs. However, for our 2022 Fine Forgiveness Week, if a patron comes in during Fine Forgiveness Week and asks us to clear their account

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Martin Yale announces acquisition of Postmark

Their manufacturing operations will be relocated to the Wabash facility

STAFF REPORT

Martin Yale Industries has announced the acquisition of Postmark, a San Luis Obispo, California-based company, according to vice president of sales and marketing John Davis.

"Postmark is a prominent provider of mailroom solutions with their world-class letter openers and their inkjet printer solutions targeted for the packaging, printing, healthcare, pharmaceutical and automation markets," said Davis.

Davis said this "strategic

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Honeywell Arts & Entertainment announces new board members

Jack Wiley and Ty Renbarger join, as Dave Haist and Kevin Willour retire

STAFF REPORT

Joining the Honeywell Arts & Entertainment Board of Directors will be Jack Wiley – effective Jan. 1, 2022 – as well as Ty Renbarger – effective in November, taking the place of Kevin Willour who retired in April – according to public relations specialist Michele DeVinney.

Retiring is Dave Haist who will continue to serve the organization as the inaugural chair of the Honeywell Arts Academy Board of Directors.

Haist served on the Honeywell Foundation Board of Directors from 2006 to 2021 and served as Board Chair from 2015 to 2018. He was also the co-chair of the Eagles Renovation Project, "a valuable addition to the Honeywell properties which will positively impact the region for decades to come."

"Haist's efforts chairing and serving on numerous committees throughout the years has helped shape the progress of Honeywell during his tenure and beyond," said DeVinney. "Honeywell Arts & Entertainment has grown tremendously over the years, most recently to include the beautifully restored and renovated Eagles Theatre to its list of venues.

Heading that progress is a board of directors that has the vision and ambition to see the Honeywell properties grow and expand, bringing more and more foot traffic and excitement to northeast Indiana. At the recent annual board meeting, Honeywell saw the retirement of one director and the installation of two others who will steward the continued growth of the Honeywell Foundation and properties."

Renbarger has spent much of his life traveling through Wabash but only recently became a full-time addition to the community. Renbarger grew up in Greentown and attended Indiana University Bloomington, receiving his bachelor's degree in ac-

counting and finance while also earning his MBA. After college, he moved to Detroit where he worked for KPMG, obtained his CPA license, and then went on to work for AlixPartners specializing in corporate restructuring and turnarounds. In 2015, Renbarger started working for Platinum Equity, a private equity firm based in Beverly Hills, which allowed him to work remotely and move back to Indiana. He is a senior vice president at Platinum Equity where he leads Mergers & Acquisitions buy-side diligence. He is active in the Wabash community serving on the Wabash River Defender board, Wabash Presbyterian Church finance committee and continues to

donate his time to many other charitable causes. He and his wife, Hayley, reside in Wabash and have two children.

Wiley is an award-winning organizational psychologist, researcher, author and leadership consultant. He is the author of three books, including "The Employee-Centric Manager," published in 2021.

Most recently, Wiley was a professor of psychology at Manchester University where he founded the undergraduate program in industrial-organizational psychology. Before that Wiley worked in business and industry for 35 years. After working for

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Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for Monday

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday Jan. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

Rody said anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend.

“Join us for an ‘Indiana

history’ movie after the meal,” said Rody.

The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. The main dish, potato soup, is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

“Please bring a donation to help with this expense,”

said Rody.

Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

For more information, visit Facebook.com/UpperWabash, https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

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5-Day Weather Summary

Friday Mostly Cloudy 58 / 47	Saturday Showers Likely 52 / 26	Sunday Few Snow Showers 32 / 14	Monday Sunny 34 / 25	Tuesday Partly Cloudy 42 / 33

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:29 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:03 a.m.

New 1/2	First 1/9	Full 1/17	Last 1/25

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 58°, humidity of 85%. South wind 7 to 10 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an 80% chance of rain, overnight low of 47°. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Saturday, skies will be cloudy with a 95% chance of showers, high of 52°, humidity of 91%.

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claimed the first state championship by a girls’ team in school history. Northfield’s trail to the title was littered with ranked teams: wins over TRC-rival and No. 2 North Miami (4-2), No. 4 Caston (7-4) and No. 3 West Central (2-0) were required to claim the first softball sectional trophy in school history. The Norse then pounded unranked Fremont (12-0) to win the first regional and upended No. 1 South Central (5-3) and No. 11 Cowan (3-2 in 11 innings) to capture the Northern Semi-state and set the stage for their crowning achievement.

3. Local population loss continues

The initial data from the Census Bureau’s 2020 count was released in August, and while there was good news for the region, the trend of population loss continued for Wabash County. According to the latest data, Wabash County lost 1,912 residents since 2010. Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater and Community Foundation of Wabash County executive director Patty Grant have been helping to lead the Imagine One 85 initiative focused on reversing the trend of local population loss. They have been tracking this data year over year and they know that the local population decline started over 40 years ago. Earlier in the summer, the group held the Imagine One 85 Summit at the Honeywell Center Plaza along with dozens of community members, who submitted ideas to reverse this troubling trend. The group’s work continues and is expected to wrap up in the coming months.

4. New jail construction begins

Over the past few months, the bidding process for the new Wabash County Jail Project has been ongoing after a groundbreaking earlier this year. The plans to build a new Wabash County Jail have long been in the works, as the Wabash County Board of Commissioners and Wabash County Council held a joint public meeting on the project at the Heartland REMC Community Room in February to address taxpayers and answer their concerns. Sheriff Ryan Baker said the current facility at 79 W. Main St. was built in 1979 rated for 60 beds. That number was later moved to 72, where it sits today. In 2016, there were around 120 inmates on the average daily population, with that number spiking to around 176 inmates per day in 2019. Starting in 2012, Wabash County started housing



Provided photo

Amy Sivley has 27 years of public education experience and assumed her superintendent responsibilities on July 1 after the WCS board selected her for the role.

inmates at taxpayer expense in the Miami, Elkhart and Tipton County jails, and occasionally Whitley or Noble county jails, depending on needs. The new facility will be located at 1335 Manchester Ave. and will be around 90,000 square feet facility which would house around 300 inmates.

5. Teizo Fox wins Best Bartender in Plain Dealer's 2021 Best of Wabash County Awards

The 950 Speakeasy Bistro in Lagro is a two-story bar and eatery that opened to the public in early July after undergoing a complete renovation. Teizo Fox, 41, of Lagro, started working at the 950 Speakeasy soon after. When nominations for the Plain Dealer’s annual Best of Wabash County contest began in late September, his name was quickly added to the list for Greatest Bartender in the Greatest People category. But on Saturday, Oct. 23 – the same day voting began in the contest – tragedy struck. Just after midnight, Teizo Fox died in a single-vehicle crash. Afterward, his widow, Samantha Fox, encouraged friends and family to continue to vote for Teizo Fox in the contest. By the time voting closed a few weeks later, the community had responded by voting him the winner. But, of course, to those who knew and loved him, Teizo Fox was much more than the best bartender. Friends and family remember him as a loving husband, father and friend who loved life, fishing and clowns.

6. Superintendent shake-ups

At the start of 2021, Wabash City Schools (WCS) superintendent Jason Callahan left his post in after 16 years on the job. In April, the WCS board announced they had selected Lakeview Middle School principal Amy Sivley as their next superintendent. In June, Manchester Community Schools (MCS) superintendent Teresa Gremaux was offered and accepted employment with another school corporation.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

The Babe of Wabash County house is located at 88 W. Hill St.



Provided photo

Teizo Fox won Greatest Bartender in the Greatest People category in the Plain Dealer’s 2021 Best of Wabash County contest.

And, in August, the MCS board voted unanimously to approve then Wabash High School (WHS) principal Kyle Wieland to replace Gremaux. Wieland graduated from Manchester High School (MHS) in 1994 and later started his teaching career there as a math teacher in 1999.

7. One dead, one hospitalized, two arrested in police-involved shooting

One man died, a woman was hospitalized and two others were arrested after a police-involved shooting in January in Wabash. The Indiana State Police (ISP), at the request of the Kosciusko County Sheriff’s Department (KCSD), investigated the incident. The KCSD served a warrant as part of a criminal investigation conducted by the Wabash County Sheriff’s Department (WCSD). The preliminary investigation by ISP detectives revealed at approximately 5:45 p.m., officers from the KCSD Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) served a search warrant in the 60 block of East Main Street. Since Wabash County does not have a SWAT team, the KCSD was requested due to possible weapons being in the home. After officers made entry into the residence, there was an exchange of gunfire between law enforcement and individuals inside. Two people inside the home appeared to have suffered gunshot wounds. A 35-year-old



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At a special board meeting, the Manchester Community Schools (MCS) board voted 7 to 0 to approve current Wabash High School (WHS) principal Kyle Wieland to take over their open superintendent position.

woman was transported to a Fort Wayne hospital. Roger D. Hipskind, 37, was pronounced dead at the scene. Gabrielle Bolin, 26, and Curt Bolin, 31, both of Wabash, were also in the residence and both were wanted on multiple arrest warrants. They were taken into custody and incarcerated in the Wabash County Jail. No officers were injured during the incident.

8. Jerry D. Copeland sentenced to 30 years for voluntary manslaughter

Jerry D. Copeland, 42, of Wabash, was sentenced in June to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to voluntary manslaughter, a level two felony. Judge Robert R. McCallen accepted the guilty plea and issued the sentencing. At approximately 10:58 p.m. July 16, 2019, Wabash Police Department (WPD) officers responded to the 200 block of East Main Street for a report of a “loud bang.” WPD officers located Richard A. Watkins, deceased on the lawn from an apparent gunshot wound. Wabash County Coroner Suzie Lewis ruled the cause of death a homicide by firearm. Copeland was taken into custody in the early morning hours of July 16, 2019, and has been in Wabash County Jail on narcotic-related charges stemming from a search of his residence that night, said Benson. In August 2019, Copeland was originally charged with Watkins’ murder in Wabash Cir-



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

The Wabash County Jail is above its rated capacity 100 percent of the time and has been since at least 2016.



Provided photo by Katie Watkins

Richard Alex Watkins, left, holds his son, Quentin Watkins.

cuit Court. According to the sentencing order, aggravating factors included Copeland’s criminal history, including conduct violations such as battery on another inmate while housed at the Wabash County Jail while awaiting resolution of this case.

9. After closing last year, Honeywell Pool re-opens in 2021

In May 2020, the Wabash Parks Board decided by a 4 to 2 vote to close the pool for the 2020 season due to concerns over COVID-19. During a March meeting, the board voted unanimously to open the pool this year. However, a lifeguard shortage caused the pool to be open on a limited basis only. The pool was able to open this summer after a year being closed but was closed several days a week as a reduced number of lifeguards was certified for the season.

10. Babe of Wabash County opens

In April, Babe of Wabash County opened its doors to the community and the

results have already been evident. Babe of Wabash County is a project under the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) and is not income-based. It is open to all types of families including biological parents, step-parents, single parents, adoptive parents, guardians, foster parents and grandparents. Babe is a spin-off of a larger organization called B.A.B.E (Beds And Britches, Etc.) B.A.B.E. can be found in many different counties in Indiana. Babe of Wabash County is an incentive-based program that partners with businesses and organizations in the county that promote good health, education and connections. When parents take their children from pregnancy to 5-year-old to Babe partners, they will earn coupons. In addition, Babe offers classes and support groups. Babe of Wabash County coupons may be redeemed for much-needed baby items like diapers, wipes, clothing, cribs and mattresses, car seats and more at the Babe of Wabash County store.

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Obituaries

Beverly Gay Gullotti

June 22, 1950 – Dec. 28, 2021

Beverly Gay Gullotti, 71, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 11:35 am, Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at Parkview Randallia in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born on June 22, 1950, in Peru, Indiana, to Carl Louis Sample and Marilou (Roberts) Mullett.

Beverly was a 1969 graduate of Wabash High School, and a graduate of the CNA program at Ivy Tech. She was a nurses aide at Vernon Manor Healthcare, retiring after several years. She was a member of the St. Bernard Catholic Church and the Wabash American Legion Auxiliary. Beverly enjoyed swimming, traveling to beaches, and loved her grandkids.

She is survived by two sons, Anthony (Heather) Gullotti of Fort Wayne, and Nicholas (Alicia) Gullotti of Wabash, three grandchildren, Andi Conliff of Wabash, Malachi Gullotti



and Evelyn Gullotti, both of Fort Wayne, brothers and sisters, Daniel (Virginia) Sample of Oklahoma, Theresa (Bill) Hamilton of Wabash, Katrina (Jim) Girvan of Florida, Kurt (Dianna) Mullett and Kent (Tammy) Mullett, both of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Weslee Gullotti, granddaughter, Dani Gullotti, brother, Logan Sample, and sister, Bethanie Sample.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 pm Monday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Beverly may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Onolee Wertenberger

Onolee Wertenberger 91, passed away on Dec. 29, 2021, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Jan. 7, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash Chapel 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992. Burial will follow at

Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service starting at 10 a.m., at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

M. Lucile Doering

June 24, 1925 – Dec. 27, 2021

M. Lucile Doering, 96, of Akron, Indiana passed at 4:40 am, Monday, Dec. 27, 2021..

Lucile was born on June 24, 1925.

The funeral service will be held 12:00 noon, Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at the Akron Church of God 301 S West St, Akron, Indiana.

The interment will take

place at 2:30 pm, Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 in the Laketon Cemetery, Ijamsville, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be from 10 am to 12 noon, Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at the Akron Church of God 301 S West St, Akron, Indiana.

Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

Charles R. ‘Charlie’ Keim

Charles R. “Charlie” Keim, 68, North Manchester, died on Dec. 28, 2021.

Charlie Keim is survived by his wife, Lorena (Norris) Keim; son, Zachary (Peyton) Keim; daughter, Angel (Jason) Tuttle; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Jan. 3, 2022

from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Calling is also Jan. 4, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

NMPL

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of late fees, we will wipe the account clean, and allow our patrons to start fresh with a fine-free account.”

Hann said the NMPL sought to reduce access barriers for their patrons.

“(We) are hopeful that this event will encourage many patrons to come back into the library to not only get their accounts cleared but also to check out new items,” said Hann. “Lost or damaged materials, interlibrary loan materials and hotspots are not included in this event.”

Hann said the NMPL has been virtually fine-free for over 30 years.

“However, patrons must still be courteous about returning materials in their proper condition and reasonably on time,” said Hann. “The library does charge for replacement costs for damaged items, or for items that have been overdue for over half a year.”

Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said in September 2020, their board voted to abolish overdue fines on most library materials.

Wimberly said that due to this policy change enacted several months ago, the policy is now in effect and applies to all print and audio items in the library’s physical collection and excludes only movies – both DVD and Blu-ray – and WiFi hotspots.

Wimberly said patrons will be blocked from checking out items until any long-overdue materials have been resolved. Once an item is one month overdue, it will be the patron’s responsibility to pay a replacement fee for the item.

Wimberly said other changes to the policy include add-

ing one grace day to circulating movies, while Interlibrary Loan books will now count toward a patron’s total check-out. Previously, those titles were counted separately.

“The Wabash Carnegie Public Library is committed to our mission of being a gateway to knowledge for the public we serve. As such, we have made strides to reduce the barriers to the access of our materials. We removed overdue fines from our print, audio, and magazine collections. Additionally, we added one fine free day for our DVD and Blu-Ray collection in order to provide more flexibility for our patrons. This has largely unaffected the rate of overdue materials,” said WCPL circulation manager Cody Abbott, on Tuesday.

Abbott said the WCPL normally provides two weeks a year where patrons can clear overdue fines from their library accounts. One is during National Library Week and the other is the week before Thanksgiving.

“During National Library Week, we hold our annual Fine Free Week where patrons are able to bring in one dollar which clears all the overdue fees from their account. They are also able to bring in overdue materials and not be charged any overdue fees for them. The week before Thanksgiving is our annual Food For Fines Week. During this week, patrons are able to bring in canned goods in order to clear their accounts of overdue fees. All of the canned materials are donated to a local food pantry,” said Abbott.

For more information, visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.nman.lib.in.us.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 2 service at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be Cathy Staggs. The morning message by Pastor Mike Bullick will be “The Journey of a Lifetime.”

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 2 service at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday morning services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, “A Healthy Church Prays” from Acts 4:23-31, as part of the January sermon theme of Healthcare for the Church. The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. There will be a children’s church for the 10:30 a.m. service

to be conducted by Randall and Linda Good. A recorded version of the 8:15 a.m. sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, Jan. 2.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

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Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at

home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Wabash First Church of God

The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard on Sunday at 11 a.m. on 105.9 FM.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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HONEYWELL

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large corporations as an internal practitioner, he founded and served as CEO of Gantz Wiley Research, a consulting firm specializing in driving organizational success through the use of employee and customer surveys. Upon selling his practice to Kenexa, he founded and served as the president of the Kenexa High Performance Institute. Wiley retired from IBM after it acquired Kenexa but continues consulting with leadership teams and serving as a keynote speaker at leadership events.

Wiley attended the University of Tennessee, earning a Ph.D. in organizational psychology. He was elected a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science and the Society for Industrial and

Organizational Psychology. From the latter organization, he received a lifetime achievement award for outstanding contributions to professional practice. He is also a licensed consulting psychologist and accredited as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) and as a Society for Human Resource Management Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP).

Wiley currently serves as the chief scientific officer at Engage2Excel and as the president and CEO of both Jack Wiley Consulting and Employee Centricity. He and his wife, Rhonda, live in southern Wabash County.

Board members Sally Krouse and Howard Halderman were also re-elected to additional terms. Officers for the Honeywell Foundation are Howard Halderman, chair; Sally Krouse, vice chair; Amy Sullivan, treasurer; and Phyllis Downey, secretary.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

How Europe can break its dependence on Russian energy

As if the pandemic and rising inflation weren't enough, Europeans face another source of wintry discontent: an energy crisis. A supply crunch has caused the price of power to hit record highs, just in time for the coldest season. It also risks exacerbating a worrying situation in Ukraine. With Russia massing forces on the border, Europe's dependence on Russian gas limits the West's options for stopping an invasion. Europe's leaders need to respond. Reducing imports of Russian gas and improving access to alternative sources will benefit the region as a whole and help the climate, too. That means investing further in gas storage and other infrastructure, accelerating the adoption of renewable energy, and expanding the use of nuclear power. By

coordinating policy more closely, European nations can build a more sustainable energy sector and prevent Russian President Vladimir Putin from using energy as a weapon to divide the West. As Europe eases out of coal and its gas deposits age, domestic production is ebbing and the need for overseas purchases is increasing. Europe has made progress in using regulation to reduce the clout of giant Gazprom PJSC, but Russia remains its largest supplier, accounting for nearly 47 percent of natural gas imports into the European Union in the first half of this year. Dependence is particularly high in Central and Eastern Europe. Gazprom also has significant capacity in European underground storage, particularly in Germany, giving Mos-

cow even greater leverage over the continent's ability to cope with volatile markets and disruptions. That influence will rise with the completion of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which will transport gas under the Baltic Sea to Germany. Although the project will improve Gazprom's capacity to directly supply Western Europe – and hence in theory ease future energy shortages – it will also increase Russia's hold on European supply and (perhaps counterintuitively) leave the EU more vulnerable. At a minimum, Germany's new government should ensure the certification process for the pipeline remains on pause while Russia continues to threaten Ukraine. The continent's energy challenges, however, go beyond the current stand-

off. So long as natural gas remains crucial for heating and industrial uses, Europe will need to support unglamorous priorities like boosting energy efficiency, improving liquefied natural gas infrastructure, and particularly expanding gas-storage capacity, which remains uneven across the continent and makes it harder to buy when prices are cheap. Most important, governments should accelerate adoption of cleaner energy. Advancing the EU's existing proposals to boost zero-emissions hydrogen would help wean countries and industries off natural gas, as will additional storage for energy generated from renewable sources. But as countries such as France, the Netherlands and the U.K. have recognized, boosting Europe's ener-

gy independence – not to mention meeting its climate goals – simply isn't plausible without a significant new investment in nuclear power. Nuclear is already part of Poland's plans to cut coal and can help others to do the same. Leaders in countries where it faces skepticism, such as Germany, need to do more to dispel misconceptions about the risks and costs involved, especially as safer, smaller reactors come online. Europe can't break its dependence on Russian gas overnight, but it can avoid being held hostage. By adopting a coordinated strategy to diversify its energy resources, European leaders can reduce both their vulnerability to supply disruptions and Putin's ability to inflict harm. *This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.*



LETTERS

Senators should support increased federal funding for cultivated-meat research

There's no greater gift Sens. Todd Young and Mike Braun could give this holiday season than supporting increased federal funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who aren't aware, cultivated meat is grown from animal cells, without slaughter. It's better for the environment, public health, and our fellow creatures. This revolutionary protein requires a fraction of the greenhouse-gas emissions to produce that raising livestock does. Since animals are removed from the process, the risk of zoonotic diseases making the jump to humans is eliminated. Meanwhile, battery cages, gestation crates and livestock trucks can be relegated to a less compassionate past. Despite admirable progress by the private sector, further government investment in cellular-agriculture research is necessary. This will help cultivated meat reach price parity with slaughtered meat and assist the development of whole-cut products, like cultivated steaks and fillets. I hope legislators, acting in the holiday spirit, will support this effort.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut

Please introduce legislation now to compensate disabled veterans fairly

Why are our disabled veterans so grossly under-compensated? They have been asking for fair and adequate compensation since the end of World War I in 1918. That was 103 years ago. I ask you, when do they get paid adequately? The COLA situation for our disabled veterans is simply unacceptable. Legislation must be introduced now to compensate them fairly or at least at the level of the National Average Wage Index for all of our totally and permanently disabled veterans. The GOP ensured in 2018 that mountains of tax money were returned to billionaires and millionaires while Corporate Democrats politely ignore this entire issue of disabled veterans' compensation. We are forcing our disabled veterans to heavily subsidize the military budget by consistently under-compensating them. This deliberate under-compensation is a serious national security concern. Who would continue to serve in the armed forces under this insanity? On Jan. 29, 2019 the New York Times ran "How Every Member Got to Congress" and here is an excerpt: "... In part, because Congress is filled with successful white-collar professionals, the House is much, much richer than the people it represents, and affluent politicians support legislation that benefits their own class at the expense of others. Wealthier legislators are, for instance, more likely to vote to repeal the estate tax." Well? No rational person defends a social, political and economic system and allows themselves to be placed in harm's way if that same system deliberately under-compensates them if they are seriously injured or sickened for life while in the armed forces. Does Congress grasp that? And this is not about the national debt. No one is buying that anymore. The GOP killed that idea with the 2018 tax gift to the wealthy. It's a ruse. Elitist government run by super-wealthy elites for the benefit of elites is killing our democracy. All decisions are being made on Capitol Hill to protect the interests of the top 5 percent of the wealth pyramid. It is tyranny. According to official statistics, the US alone claims 18.6 million adults with a net worth above \$1 million – that's nearly 40 percent of all the world's millionaires and more than the next eight countries combined. In 2018, the US also welcomed 675,000 newcomers to the millionaire club, which accounted for more than half the global total of new millionaires. Our wealthy elites can afford to be taxed to get the debt down to a very low level. A penny tax on every dollar traded in the stock market would whittle the national debt down almost completely in less than a decade. A tax on the investment activity of the wealthy Investor Class would end this constant social inequity debacle and get us out of debt. The New York Stock Exchange alone traded about 1.46 billion shares a day in 2019. There are 13 stock exchanges in the USA. In 2022, a totally disabled veteran with no dependents is compensated at the ridiculous rate of \$39,984.72 annually. The National Average Wage Index (NAWI) for 2020 was \$55,628.60 per annum and the median income for 2020 was \$67,521. The per capita GDP in 2020 was \$63,416, among the highest in the world. This rate of compensation to

disabled veterans is deliberate and cruel. On Dec. 25, 2015, the Boston Globe ran "Americans held in Iran during 1979 hostage crisis to get compensation". Here is the lead-in: "The 37 surviving hostages and the estates of 16 others will receive up to \$4.4 million each." That sum is just over \$122,000 per annum from 1979 to December 2015. Why the huge discrepancy in compensation amounts? Every year in April or May the General Accounting Office releases a well-researched report entitled "Additional Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Other Financial Benefits." It seems that the Coast Guard is notorious among government accountants for multiplicative mission tasking and all manner of illegal funds manipulation as well as the Defense Department and the Departments of Homeland Security and Veterans' Affairs (D.V.A.). Abuse of federal funds allocated to these agencies constantly limits available funding for disabled veterans' compensation needs. Disabled veterans know that defending the Republic (i.e. the interests of the defense industry and the Elitist Ascendancy that advocates for it) is an "act at your own risk" venture. That is immoral. Serious in-service disability guarantees a lifetime of certain and lingering poverty and social isolation, under-employment and unemployment to the average disabled veteran. This price is paid only by former troops from the near bottom of the wealth pyramid. The elites reap the benefits but they make no sacrifices. This is oppression. Danger. The growing wealth gap is pushing disenfranchised Americans toward desperation and pushing our veterans (and troops?) toward radicalism. On June 22, 2018, the UPI ran the following story "U.N. report: With 40M in poverty, U.S. most unequal developed nation." Our grossly under-compensated disabled veterans will vouch for the validity of this data. Our elites systematically hide their portfolios in offshore tax havens which in turn hinder fair revenue collection and force deliberate under-compensation of disabled veterans and other disenfranchised Americans. When the 1 percent at the top of the wealth pyramid universally skip out on fair taxation it adds an extra tax burden on the poor and lower-middle class which they are forced by circumstance to carry. American "capitalism" is brutal neo-feudalism. No emotionally stable and informed citizen from the bottom of the wealth pyramid serving in uniform would die to defend this surreal socioeconomic con job. It is a modern form of indentured servitude. It is said that the Democratic Party lost Congressional seats in the elections in 2020 because they advocated for socialism. A dictionary definition of socialism is "a political and economic theory of social organization which advocates that the means of production, distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole." That is a bad thing? It is in place throughout Scandinavia. According to the UN Human Development Report of 2016, it will come as no surprise that all Scandinavian countries ranked within the top 15 in the world for quality of life. Findings showed that, on the median wages of full-time employees in Denmark, there is a very low gender gap (7.8 percent versus 17.9 percent in the

USA) and of course, gender equality is a very good indicator of a happy and prosperous country. And as for Norway? Well, it ranked first – again. So why are progressive Democrats being demonized for pushing for Socialism along the Scandinavian model to be placed into our socio-economic system? That makes no sense! Veteran unemployment is painfully high while their disability compensation is ridiculously low. Twenty veterans commit suicide daily in 2021. Of those that successfully kill themselves 69 percent are over fifty years old. Their financial situation is often untenable. Here are some things veterans are reading to inform themselves about national and international news. On Nov. 18, USA Today ran "When does speech become dangerous? Rep. Gosar's ties to white nationalists added to concerns about his video." On Nov. 18, the British media outlet The Guardian ran "Paul Gosar retweets the same video aimed at AOC after House censures him – report." He has learned nothing from his humiliation. On Nov. 18, The Motley Fool ran "America's Nuclear Power Sector is Getting a \$6 Billion Bail-out". On Nov. 18, USA Today ran "Kyle Rittenhouse a hero? No, he was a callow, foolish boy who had no business being in Kenosha." Agreed. On Nov. 18, CNN ran "How a 25-year-old with a disability lives on \$33,000 in Chicago: 'People don't realize how expensive it is to be disabled.'" Agreed. On Nov. 18, National Geographic ran "Russia just blew up a satellite – here's why that spells trouble for spaceflight." We now have so many impoverished and under-employed Americans that the entire idea of an effective democratic republic is a cruel joke. We are an oligarchy where government policy is routinely purchased and dictated by our super-wealthy Elites and their sycophants, the Wall Street tax-evading grifters. For generations, the lives of disabled veterans have been nearly destroyed in service because of the evolving defense industry and elitist agenda ruthlessly followed by millionaires serving in Congress, on the Supreme Court and in the Executive Branch. This "wars-for-profit" insanity was not to "provide for the common defense." It was rather life-altering deception to protect Elites' overseas assets or seize more at the expense of those injured and sickened poor and working-class troops who would ultimately become severely and deliberately under-compensated disabled veterans. Disabled veterans have been cruelly duped into sacrificing their future and forced into a life of pain, social isolation and poverty to "protect" our Elites' assets and their wealth hidden away in offshore tax-havens. This wealth now totals roughly \$32 trillion according to credible NGO sources. The lost tax revenue is incalculable. Please introduce legislation now to set compensation at least at the level of the National Average Wage Index for all types of totally and permanently disabled veterans. And give federal income tax exclusion to all types of totally and permanently disabled veterans for all income regardless of source up to \$125,000 per annum. It is long past due.

Sandra Moffatt
Columbia City

Lifestyles

Ring in the new year with bowls

It's time to lighten things up. As we exit the holidays, we officially enter bowl-food season. Rich and heavy holiday dinners – featuring cocktails and

Lynda Balslev



multiple courses, ribs and roasts, sauces and reductions – will take a New Year's timeout, replaced by steaming bowls brimming with warm and nourishing soups and stews. And while meat is certainly welcome to join the bowl-fun, the lightness of seafood is a refreshing alternative. It's time for a cioppino.

Cioppino is a San Francisco seafood stew that originated in the 1800s when the Italian and Portuguese fishermen chopped up leftovers from their daily catches to make a robust tomato-based soup. Its name is derived from the Italian term cioppin, which means to chop. Wine is a key ingredient in the cioppino stock, and recipes gamely call for white or red, depending on the source. I prefer to use red wine, which adds more fruit and less acidity to the broth.

As for the fish and shellfish, there is no set rule, except to choose as fresh as possible. Select a variety of shellfish and seafood, such as clams, mussels, shrimp and scallops, and thicken the soup with chunks of firm-fleshed white fish, such as halibut. While many cioppinos include crab, which is local to and abundant in the San Francisco Bay area during the winter season, it can easily be omitted. If you have

access to crab, purchase the cracked legs or simply buy the cleaned meat for a splurge.

Unlike many stews that taste better with time, this stew is meant to be eaten straight away to capture the freshness of the fish. This rule was heeded with my pot of stew, since I had no time to style a pretty photo before it was devoured, leaving me only with the process shot you see here.

Cioppino
Active time: 50 minutes
Total time: 50 minutes
Yield: Serves 6

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1 medium fennel bulb, halved lengthwise, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed Italian plum tomatoes
- 2 cups medium-bodied red wine
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar (optional)
- 12 to 18 littleneck clams
- 12 to 18 mussels, scrubbed and debearded
- 1 pound large (18/20) shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails intact optional
- 1 pound firm white fish, such as halibut, cut into 1-inch chunks
- Chopped fresh Italian parsley for garnish

Heat the oil in a large soup pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion and fennel and cook

until the vegetables soften, 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the garlic, oregano and red pepper flakes and saute until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in the tomato paste and cook for about 1 minute more, stirring to create

a slurry. Add the tomatoes, wine, chicken stock, orange juice, bay leaf, salt and black pepper. Bring to a boil and simmer, partially covered, for 30 minutes. Taste for seasoning and add more salt or the sugar, if desired.

Add the clams to the pot, cover and cook over medium heat about 5 minutes. Add the mussels, cover the pot and cook 3 to 4 minutes more. Discard any unopened clams or mussels. Stir in the shrimp and

halibut, partially cover the pot, and simmer until the fish is cooked through, about 5 minutes. Ladle the stew into warm serving bowls and garnish with parsley. Serve with crusty bread or garlic bread.

Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

The last Marie Callender's in San Fernando Valley closes for good

By HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

LOS ANGELES — Alice Maltin got out of her car on Ventura Boulevard in Sherman Oaks with hungry anticipation.

Shocked at her luck in finding a primo parking spot, the septuagenarian took a few steps last month toward one of her favorite places. And froze.

The last Marie Callender's in the San Fernando Valley – where she had come to get Thanksgiving pies as she did every year – had a thick padlock on the door. Closed for good.

“There were boards in the window, like they didn’t want us sneaking in to get the rest of the pies,” Maltin said.

She peeled out of there. Burst into the home office of her husband, the renowned film critic – and self-described Marie Callender’s “pumpkin pie aficionado” – Leonard Maltin. She dropped the news on him like a big-budget box-office bomb on a desperate Hollywood producer.

“We’re still grieving,” Leonard said, the wound still fresh days later.

“It’s a slice of Americana. When you walk in, you don’t feel like you’re walking into a chain restaurant. It feels homey and you don’t go there to be seen – you go there to get some good, honest food, alongside your neighbors.”

In a world racked by pandemic, political turmoil and natural disasters, this is a tale of heartache over the loss of one of those factories of nostalgia that feel as though they really come alive during the holidays: the family-dining chain restaurant.

They’re where you rack up the calories after your children’s holiday pageants or after looking at Christmas lights, said George Geary, author of “Made in California: The California-Born Burger Joints, Diners, Fast Food & Restaurants That Changed



The Marie Callender's restaurant in Sherman Oaks, California closed just before Thanksgiving, when people wanted pies. It was the last Marie Callender's in the San Fernando Valley, shown here on Dec. 7.

Photos by Myung J. Chun / Los Angeles Times / TNS

America.”

“They’re celebratory places that are not too expensive and not fast food,” he said. “A notch above Denny’s – nothing against them – with sit-down waitress service.”

But the once-ubiquitous midrange eateries – with table service and long menus of comfort food – started falling out of favor during the Great Recession, when customers deemed them too expensive and began gravitating toward cheaper “fast-casual” restaurants such as Chipotle and Panera Bread. Hundreds of locations have closed down.

The COVID-19 pandemic further devastated eateries that relied primarily on on-site dining. An estimated 90,000 restaurants closed permanently or long term because of the pandemic, said Vanessa Sink, a spokeswoman for the National Restaurant Assn.

Numerous chains – including Ruby Tuesday, Sizzler USA, California Pizza Kitch-



A padlock hangs on the door of the shuttered Marie Callender's on Ventura Boulevard in Sherman Oaks, California on Dec. 7.

en and Friendly’s – filed for bankruptcy in 2020. That spring, Cheesecake Factory told landlords it would not be able to pay rent. Big names such as Applebee’s and IHOP, which have the same corporate owner, saw sales tank last year and closed restaurants across the country.

Marie Callender’s, the beloved Southern Califor-

nia-born pie purveyor, has struggled for years. There have been bankruptcies, corporate mergers and splits, and the selling of its trademark to corporate behemoth Conagra Foods, which sells more lucrative frozen meals under the Marie Callender’s name.

In the late 1990s, there were more than 150 Marie Callender’s restaurants. Today, there

are 27.

The Sherman Oaks location, which opened in October 1968, closed this fall. The company did not respond to requests for comment.

Marie Callender’s was started in Long Beach in 1948 by the real Marie Callender and her husband and son. They rented a Quonset hut and baked pies all night that they sold to several restaurants, Geary said.

They opened their first restaurant on Tustin Street in Orange in 1964 – with the oven in the window so people could see the pies. Then they quickly expanded.

Geary said he thinks the quality went down when Marie’s son, Don Callender, sold the company in the 1980s and it went corporate.

“I don’t see Marie Callender’s coming back. People don’t eat that way anymore, with those humongous portions,” said Geary, a pastry chef who made the famed

cheesecakes for “The Golden Girls” show.

Marie Callender’s are proudly unhip, with a lot of wood, dark carpeting, antiques and old lamps.

“They never updated their interiors,” Geary said. “They were so old-fashioned, it was like your grandma’s. But grandmothers today aren’t like that. They’re midcentury modern; they’re not 1890s.”

Still, the Marie Callender’s name invokes a stubborn loyalty, especially during the holidays.

This Thanksgiving, a woman named Sharon posted a photo of her charred-black frozen pumpkin pie on the company’s Facebook page.

“Thanks Marie Calendar for ruining thanksgiving dessert,” she wrote. The company publicly apologized that the pie “let you down this year.”

The post went viral, and the internet rushed not to Sharon’s defense – but to Marie Callender’s.

“Why are you sorry? ... You didn’t set her oven temperature to the ‘hell’ setting,” one commenter replied.

Another posted a meme of a king and two knights holding swords together in unity. It’s labeled: “Millennials, Boomers, Gen Z: Defending Marie Callender’s From Sharon.”

Even when a standard chain restaurant closes, it can provoke genuinely powerful, bittersweet emotions, said Krystine Batcho, a psychology professor at Le Moyne College in New York and an expert in nostalgia.

Those places become “little anchors to mark our travels together throughout our lives,” places where we laugh, celebrate and mourn together, she said.

“They’re places that are ordinary but special all at the same time. ... When it closes down, especially if it’s in your neighborhood and you drive past it, it’s like this horrible concrete reminder that that part of your life is over.”

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 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


BAPTIST

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website


CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.


DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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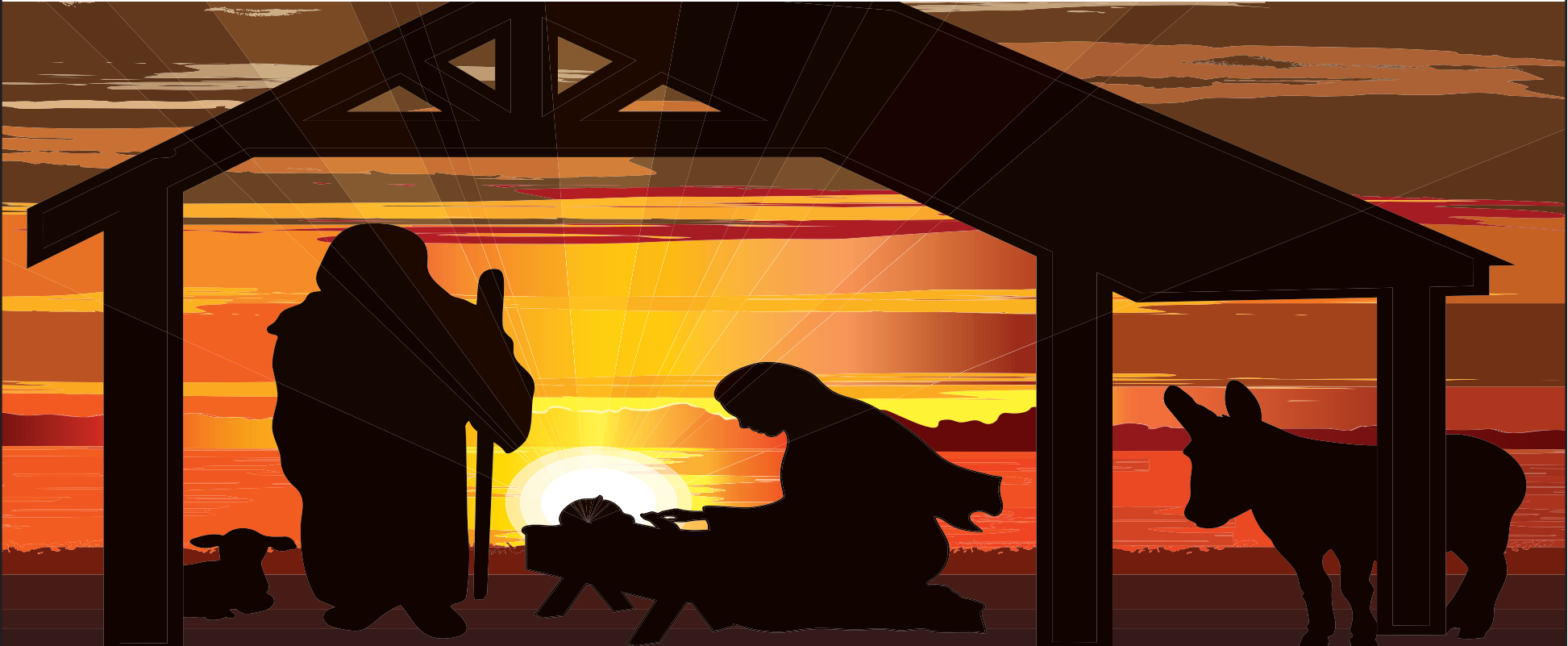
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Indiana lawmakers face debates on vaccine limits, tax cuts

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers expect to start their new session by quickly diving into a contentious debate over a Republican-backed proposal aimed at limiting workplace COVID-19 vaccination requirements, even as the virus threatens to overwhelm the state’s hospitals.

The Republican-dominated General Assembly is expected to begin the 2022 session Tuesday with action on a bill that supporters maintain would protect individual rights by forcing businesses that require COVID-19 vaccinations to grant exemptions to workers claiming medical or religious objections. Major business and medical groups oppose the proposal and it hasn’t yet won the backing of Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb.

The legislative session that’s

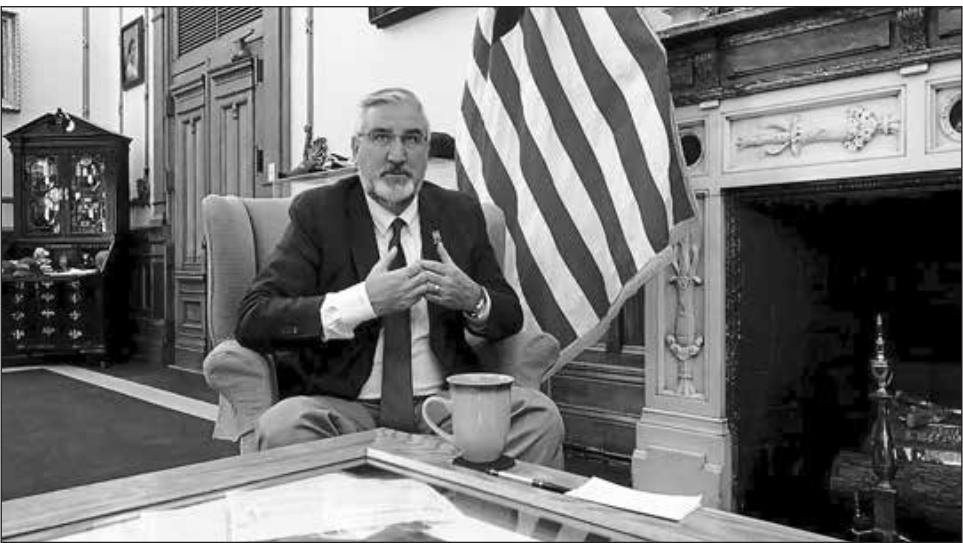
scheduled to last until mid-March will also see some Republicans push for tax cuts because the state expects booming growth in its budget surplus. Conservative complaints about classroom mask mandates and teaching about racial injustice have also led to bills.

A look at some of the top issues:

COVID-19 clash

Holcomb says he’ll end his order declaring a statewide COVID-19 public health emergency if legislators approve administrative steps needed for the state to keep receiving enhanced federal funding for Medicaid and food assistance programs.

That request, however, has become entangled with limits on workplace vaccinations, as Republican lawmakers react to conservative grievances over government-ordered virus precautions.



Rob Burgess / Wabash Plain Dealer

Gov. Eric Holcomb speaks during an interview Dec. 9 at the governor’s office at the Indiana Statehouse. Indiana lawmakers will start their new session Tuesday, and several contentious debates over COVID-19 are expected to take center stage.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce and other major business groups object to President Joe Biden’s proposed vaccination mandate

for businesses and the state push to prevent employers from making such decisions on their own.

Medical experts argue that

Indiana still faces a health emergency with a big spike in COVID-19 infections that pushed the state’s hospitals to their highest-ever overall

patient counts during December. State health officials say Indiana averaged more than 40 COVID-19 deaths a day for much of the month.

“The unvaccinated are killing us,” said Dr. Donald Westerhausen of Granger, president of American College of Cardiology’s Indiana chapter. “We’re overwhelmed at the hospitals.”

Tax cut now?

Indiana’s state government is flush with cash as a December report projected booming growth in the state budget surplus.

That is setting up a push among many Republicans for tax cuts, although top Senate Republicans are taking a cautious stance by saying they are worried about inflation and a possible slowdown in state sales tax collections when federal COVID-19 relief payments end.

PULSE

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was held Saturday, Nov. 13 in North Manchester, but donations will be accepted until Dec. 31. For more information, call 260-982-6343.

ISP increasing patrols during the holidays

The Indiana State Police (ISP) is increasing patrols during the holiday season, as part of a statewide crackdown on impaired driving. Through Saturday, Jan. 1, officers will be on high alert for anyone driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Law enforcement will also be watching for seat belt violations and other forms of dangerous driving. The ISP is asking for the public’s help to keep Indiana roads safe this holiday season by designating a sober driver or using a ride service, public transportation or taxi if alcohol is consumed. Motorists are also encouraged to wear a seat belt, slow down, put down the cell phone, and make sure kids are properly buckled up. In addition to being required by law, wearing a seat belt also reduces the risk of injury or death in a crash. Motorists can report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911.

Salamonie Lake First Day Hike planned for Jan. 1

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services’ staff for a First Day Hike at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1 at Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Meet at the interpretive center for a one-hour stroll through the woods along the moderate Wildlife Management Trail. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes are welcome. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit Facebook.com/UpperWabash, https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

Mississinewa Lake First Day Hike planned for Jan. 1

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services’ staff for a First Day Hike at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1 at 4673 S. 625 East, Peru. Meet at the Blue Heron trail located within Miami State Recreation Area and meander through the woods. Plan to be on the trail an hour with S’mores served around a cozy fire afterward. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes are welcome. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit Facebook.com/UpperWabash, https://on.IN.gov/mississinewalake or dnr.IN.gov.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews,

in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Salamonie ‘Tweens Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2 and April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

‘Bite in the 85’ dining program to launch

Visit Wabash County has announced the launch of a new program coming to Wabash County called “Bite in the 85,” which will take place from Monday, Jan. 10 through Monday, Jan. 31. For three weeks, the participating restaurants will have the opportunity to offer their specials and deals to the public, including 50 East Garden Center and Café, 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eugenia’s Restaurant, Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill, Market Street Grill, Modoc’s Market, Pizza King and Twenty. The public will have the opportunity to win gift cards to the participating restaurants and five winners will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries will be collected by filling out a short online form that will be accessible by a QR code on all “Bite in the 85” menus at the participating restaurants. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold January meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on France Slocum of Miami County, presented in first person by Sharon Dillman, Regent of the Nineteenth Star DAR Chapter in Peru. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara

Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, class.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

Money Smart Program planned at Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the upcoming Money Smart Program in conjunction with Crossroads Bank. The eight-week program begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Participants will learn topics such as choosing financial products that are right for you, managing income, creating and implementing savings and spending plans, using credit to borrow money, protecting your financial rights and safeguarding your money, determining your readiness to buy a home and recovering from financial setbacks and rebuilding credit. Seating is limited, so register soon. Registration forms may be picked up and dropped off at both the Wabash County YMCA or Crossroads Bank, or completed forms can be emailed to pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org or jwhetstone@crossroadsbanking.com. For more information, visit www.wabashcountymca.org. To make a tax-deductible donation, email jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org.

Salamonie Preschool offers ‘S is for Snow’ on Jan. 19

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “S is for Snow” on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Come play in the snow and learn how it is made. Children ages 2 through 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler’s basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. Note that details of this event may be subject to change based on the state’s response to COVID-19. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit Facebook.com/UpperWabash, https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

Manchester exhibit honors indigenous identity

Link Gallery at Manchester University offers art pieces by North Manchester resident

Briana “Bri” Floor in “Indigiflections: Reflections on an Indigenous Identity.” The exhibit continues through Feb. 4. Link Gallery is in Winger Hall on East Street in North Manchester. The public is welcome, and masks are required inside MU buildings.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Trailblazers is March 13, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra’s concerto competition. Spaces on May 15 in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s

five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email

office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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New year's arrival offers chance for a fresh start

DEAR READERS: Welcome to 2022! A new year has arrived, and we leave the last one behind. As always, this new year brings with it our hopes for a new beginning.

Today presents an opportunity to discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones, and with that in mind, I will share Dear Abby's often-requested list of New Year's Resolutions — which were adapted by my late mother, Pauline Phillips, from the original credo of Al-Anon:

JUST FOR TODAY: I will live through **THIS DAY ONLY**. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once. I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will decide to be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak softly and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. And I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

And now, Dear Readers, allow me to share an item that was sent to me by L.J. Bhatia, a reader from New Delhi, India:

DEAR ABBY: This year, no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Vedas say, "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature."

The prayer of St. Francis (of which there are several versions) contains a powerful message:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

And so, Dear Readers, may 2022 bring with it good health, peace and joy to all of us. — Love, Abby

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



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JUMBLE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kruek



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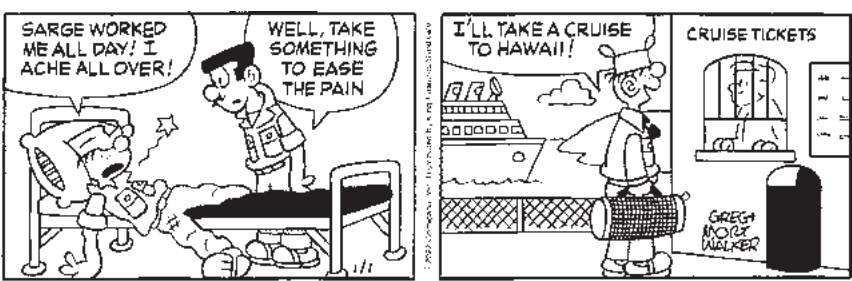
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By Bil Keane

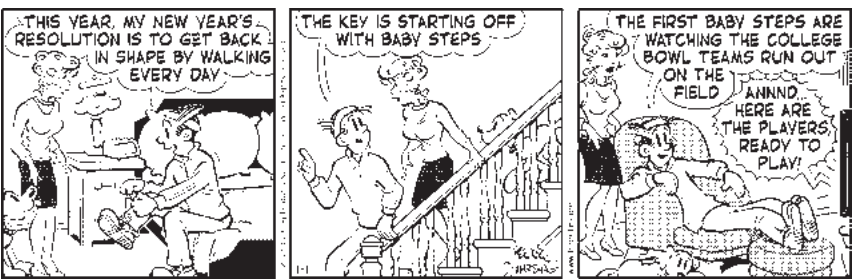


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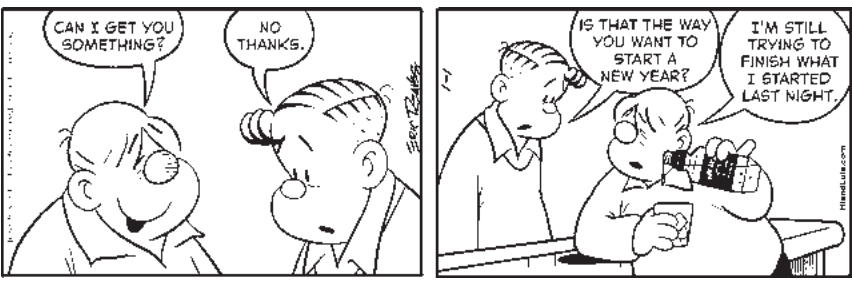
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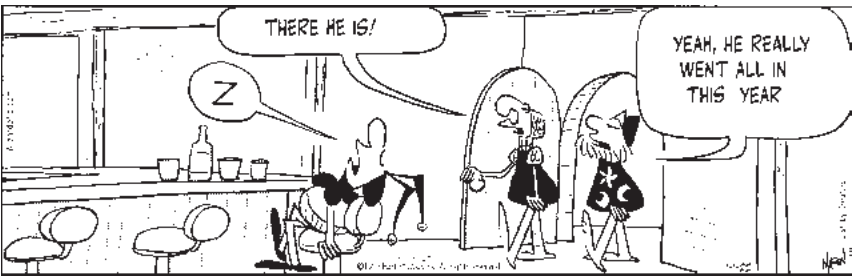
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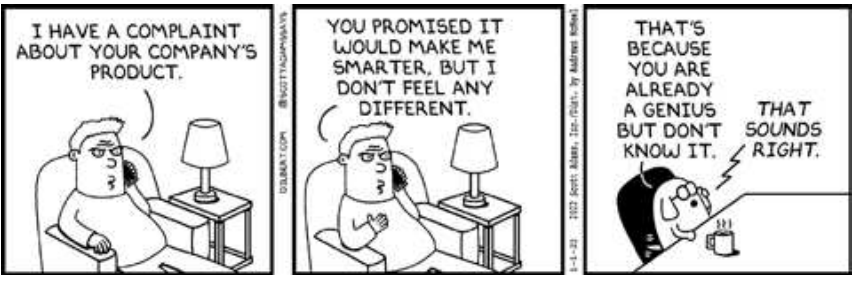
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A prayer for the new year

Q: Is there a prayer for the new year that can give hope and courage to face the ever-changing world we are living in today? — N.Y.

A: Our Father and our God, at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead — but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. Help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives.

In the midst of our daily preoccupations and heartaches, help us to turn to You

for the stability and comfort we need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

Help us to pray for our nation during these difficult times. We especially pray for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own

lives. Help us to look back and thank You for Your goodness to us — far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives. Help us to look to You with expectancy, faith, and guidance so that we can point others to You as the hope for the world.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations of famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"PGVWDG OV VOS TYO DV LYTE YOH RYES Y LMYOH-OSX ZPYMP, YONVOS TYO ZPYMP IMVR OVX YOH RYES Y LMYOH-OSX SOHFOD." — TYMA LYMH

Previous Solution: "I didn't go to university, and so, every time that I work, I'm looking for a teacher in a way." — Diego Luna

TODAY'S CLUE: A symphony



Willie J. Allen Jr. / Orlando Sentinel / TNS
Florida State defensive end Keir Thomas (4) sacks Notre Dame Fighting Irish quarterback Jack Coan (17) during the second half of a Sept. 5 game.

Irish QB Coan ready to lead team to Fiesta victory

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Jack Coan dreamed of playing in a Notre Dame uniform and had his chance when he committed to playing lacrosse for the Irish.

After a four-year detour through Wisconsin, Coan is getting his opportunity to wear blue and gold — as a football player.

“Obviously, I was coming here for lacrosse, then when I was in the transfer portal and Notre Dame came around and offered me to come here, it sort of just felt like it was meant to be,” Coan said. “So every day just feels like a blessing to be here and I’m just super excited for this last opportunity.”

That last chance will come on New Year’s Day in the Fiesta Bowl, where he and Oklahoma State quarterback Spencer Sanders will likely have a big say in which team ends on a winning note after a season that came oh so close to a spot in the College Football Playoff.

No. 5 Notre Dame (11-2) had the resume, its only loss coming to Cincinnati on Oct. 2. The Fighting Irish were in it until the end, needing a few things to shake out on the final weekend of the regular season to reach the CFP for the first time since 2019.

The chips didn’t fall the right way and Notre Dame ended up fifth in the CFP rankings, one out of the playoff.

No. 9 Oklahoma State (11-2) was even closer — a matter of inches.

The Cowboys rallied from an 18-point deficit in the Big 12 championship game and put together a last-second

drive behind Sanders. They just missed when Dezmon Jackson came up inches short of the end zone pylon on the final play, allowing Baylor to hold on for a 21-16 win.

Now Coan and Sanders have a chance to cap their seasons with a major-bowl win in the desert. Not a play-off, but maybe the next best thing.

“It’s going to be exciting,” Sanders said. “It will be one for the books.”

For Sanders, it will be a continuation of a steady climb since he arrived in Stillwater and a chance for a bit of redemption.

The 6-foot-1 quarterback was a star at Billy Ryan High School, earning Gatorade state player of the year and Mr. Texas Football honors. He had multiple collegiate offers and ended up at Oklahoma State, where he red-shirted as a freshman.

Sanders set a school freshman record with 2,065 yards passing and accounted for 18 touchdowns despite missing the final two games with an injury.

He followed that up by throwing for 2,007 yards and 14 TDs as a sophomore, capping it by being named MVP of the Cheez-It Bowl.

Sanders’ junior season has been a bit up and down. He accounted for 3,011 yards — 2,468 passing — and 22 touchdowns but had some rough moments along the way.

Sanders threw three interceptions in an Oct. 10 win over Baylor and had a hard time getting the Cowboys’ offense moving in a loss to Iowa State three weeks later.

In the rematch against Baylor in the Big 12 title game,

Sanders had four interceptions, but bounced back to lead Oklahoma State down the field on the final, just-short drive.

“Right now, as we move into it, I don’t think he’s thinking about it at all,” Cowboys offensive coordinator Kasey Dunn said. “The kid is pretty resilient. We all saw that on the final drive of the game.”

Coan has a bit of resiliency in him as well.

The 6-foot-3 quarterback from Sayville, New York, saw limited action as a freshman at Wisconsin and started four games as a sophomore. Coan appeared to be making a star turn in 2019, completing a school-record 236 passes for 2,727 yards — third-most in school history — with 18 touchdowns and five interceptions.

The upward trajectory halted in 2020, when he missed the entire season after breaking his foot in practice.

Coan opted to fulfill his dream of playing at Notre Dame as a graduate transfer and turned out to be better than the Irish expected, throwing for 2,641 yards and 20 touchdowns.

“From a physical standpoint, I said it from the first practice we had with him, he’s physically more gifted than he was advertised,” Notre Dame offensive coordinator Tommy Rees said. “His ability to make all the throws, his ability to stand firm in the pocket, his mental capacity to play his position is as high as anyone in the country. I think he’s been extremely underrated throughout this entire season.”

Now he gets a chance to cap it with a Fiesta Bowl win — just like Sanders.

Colts’ Leonard off virus list, ready to face Raiders this weekend

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indianapolis Colts line-backer Darius Leonard couldn’t wait to get back to work Thursday.

He has even bigger plans for Sunday.

Less than three hours after team officials activated the two-time All-Pro and two other starters from the reserve/COVID-19 list, Leonard explained how difficult it was to miss Saturday’s game at Arizona — and how eager he is to face the Las Vegas Raiders this weekend.

“Actually, I tested negative that morning and then probably around 1 or 2 is when I tested positive,” he said while wearing a mask on a video call with reporters Thursday. “I got on a plane ride back home around 7 and now we’re here. I feel good.”

That’s good news for the Colts, who had six starters including Leonard out because of the virus last weekend and would have been severely short-handed Sunday if the NFL hadn’t reduced the isolation period from 10 days to five.

Under the previous guideline, Leonard would have missed this week’s game, too.

Instead, all six starters who missed the Arizona game because of the virus have been activated over the past two days. It’s still unclear whether quarterback Carson Wentz or right tackle Braden Smith will clear the protocols before Sunday.

But nobody missed the game more than the passionate Leonard, who uses any slight as motivation. And now the masterful takeaway artist has even bigger plans for Sunday — clinching a playoff spot by beating the Raiders.

“That definitely sucked — going home, not being able to go out there and perform with my guys, not being able to see my family, not being able to watch the game fully,” he said. “Thank God, they changed the rule. I’m back, I’m feeling good and I’m ready to rock ‘n’ roll.”

The Denver Broncos canceled practice Thursday as they retested five players whose results showed both positive and negative results. They held virtual meetings and planned to expand Friday’s practice to make up for the lost time on the field.

“The decision was made because we have some pos-

itives today. Some may be false positives. We’re working through that,” coach Vic Fangio said. “We’ll come out with the list here later today (with who) might be on it.”

“I just felt that we needed to hit the pause button, get our hands around what we’ve got here as far as numbers and roster and we’re going to hold the meeting here this afternoon instead of practicing and the hope is tomorrow to have a good practice on Friday and Saturday and go out there and get us a W.”

The Broncos (7-8) visit the Chargers (8-7) Sunday.

Fangio said in the five new cases, the first test came back positive for COVID-19 and the second result was negative “and now they have their procedures they go through when that happens, so we’re kind of in limbo on a couple of guys right now.”

On Wednesday, the Broncos activated starting center Lloyd Cushenberry III off the reserve/COVID-19 list and placed wide receiver Tim Patrick, swing tackle Calvin Anderson and backup safety Caden Sterns on the virus list along with practice squad wide receiver Tyrie Cleveland.

36 Manchester student-athletes named Academic All-HCAC

Selections must have at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA and are varsity athletes

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced the fall 2021 honorees for the Tom Bohlsen Academic All-HCAC Team on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Academic all-conference selections have at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA and are varsity athletes.

The cumulative GPA is the student-athletes’ GPA at the end of the semester preceding the end of the fall season.

The student-athlete must have completed the equivalent of a full academic year and must be a full-time enrolled student at the institution to be eligible for the Academic all-conference award.

The Fall 2021 HCAC All-Academic Team features 400 athletes from the 10 member institutions and showcases student-athletes from the Fall HCAC sports of men’s and women’s cross country, football, women’s golf, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s tennis and volleyball.

The award is named after Tom Bohlsen, who served as the HCAC’s first commissioner from 1998 to

2008.

This fall, 36 Spartans were named to the Academic All-HCAC Team. The men’s soccer team led the way with nine total selections. The men’s and women’s cross country programs also combined to have nine total selections.

The women’s soccer team had eight honorees this fall.

Manchester University honorees included:

■ Thomas Richardson, junior, men’s cross country.

■ Enrique Salazar, junior, men’s cross country.

■ Hannah Brubaker, junior, women’s cross country.

■ Morgan Chupp, sophomore, women’s cross country.

■ Fiona Frost, senior, women’s cross country.

■ Hannah Hilliker, sophomore, women’s cross country.

■ Sarah Rohr, junior, women’s cross country.

■ Sydney Sluys, sophomore, women’s cross country.

■ Lauren Smith, junior, women’s cross country.

■ Sam Huffman, sophomore, football.

■ Wayne Vaughn, sophomore, football.

■ Bella Carillo, sophomore, women’s golf.

■ Shayla Welch, junior, women’s golf.

■ Noah Black, sophomore, men’s soccer.

■ Phillip Clesceri, fifth year, men’s soccer.

■ Ruben Gonzalez, junior, men’s soccer.

■ Julian Keough, sophomore, men’s soccer.

■ Mattias Livezey, sophomore, men’s soccer.

■ Cory Mitchell, sophomore, men’s soccer.

■ Elliott Mazingo, junior, men’s soccer.

■ John Velazquez, senior, men’s soccer.

■ Jared Wayne, senior, men’s soccer.

■ Cate Bennett, senior, women’s soccer.

■ McKenna Burkholder, junior, women’s soccer.

■ Becca Colbert, senior, women’s soccer.

■ Peyton Horn, sophomore, women’s soccer.

■ Alex Parr, junior, women’s soccer.

■ Maddie Shepard, senior, women’s soccer.

■ Adelle Stanko, junior, women’s soccer.

■ Paige Young, junior, women’s soccer.

■ Natalie Kotlin, sophomore, women’s tennis.

■ Maddy Russow, senior, women’s tennis.

■ Dakota Goetz, junior, volleyball.

■ Allison Miller, sophomore, volleyball.

■ Rachael Ressler, junior, volleyball.

■ Sara Shultz, junior, volleyball.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Hornets take charge early, beat Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Terry Rozier scored a season-high 35 points, LaMelo Ball added 21 points and 12

rebounds, and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Indiana Pacers 116-108 on Wednesday night.

While Caris LeVert scored 27 points and Domantas Sabonis posted his 25th dou-

ble-double this season with 15 points and 18 rebounds, Indiana lost for the fifth time in seven games and for the second straight time after facing an early double-digit deficit.

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‘Slow-motion insurrection’: How GOP seizes election power

By **NICHOLAS RICCARDI**
Associated Press

In the weeks leading up to the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, a handful of Americans – well-known politicians, obscure local bureaucrats – stood up to block then-President Donald Trump’s unprecedented attempt to overturn a free and fair vote of the American people.

In the year since, Trump-aligned Republicans have worked to clear the path for next time.

In battleground states and beyond, Republicans are taking hold of the once-overlooked machinery of elections. While the effort is incomplete and uneven, outside experts on democracy and Democrats are sounding alarms, warning that the United States is witnessing a “slow-motion insurrection” with a better chance of success than Trump’s failed power grab last year.

They point to a mounting list of evidence: Several candidates who deny Trump’s loss are running for offices that could have a key role in the election of the next president in 2024. In Michigan, the Republican Party is restocking members of obscure local boards that could block approval of an election. In Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, the GOP-controlled legislatures are backing open-ended “reviews” of the 2020 election, modeled on a deeply flawed look-back in Arizona. The efforts are poised to fuel disinformation and anger about the 2020 results for years to come.

All this comes as the Republican Party has become more aligned behind Trump, who has made denial of the 2020 results a litmus test for his support. Trump has praised the Jan. 6 rioters and backed primaries aimed at purging lawmakers who have crossed him. Sixteen GOP governors have signed laws making it more difficult to vote. An Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll showed

that two-thirds of Republicans do not believe Democrat Joe Biden was legitimately elected as president.

“It’s not clear that the Republican Party is willing to accept defeat anymore,” said Steven Levitsky, a Harvard political scientist and co-author of the book “How Democracies Die.” “The party itself has become an anti-democratic force.”

Republicans who sound alarms are struggling to be heard by their own party. GOP Reps. Liz Cheney of Wyoming or Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, members of a House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection, are often dismissed as party apostates.

Some local officials, the people closest to the process and its fragility, are pleading for change. At a recent news conference in Wisconsin, Kathleen Bernier, a GOP state senator and former elections clerk, denounced her party’s efforts to seize control of the election process.

“These made up things that people do to jazz up the base is just despicable and I don’t believe any elected legislator should play that game,” said Bernier.

In Georgia, an election bill signed this year by the GOP governor gave the Republican-controlled General Assembly new powers over the state board of elections, which controls its local counterparts.

The law is being used to launch a review of operations in solidly-Democratic Fulton County, home to most of Atlanta, which could lead to a state takeover. The legislature also passed measures allowing local officials to remove Democrats from election boards in six other counties.

In Pennsylvania, the GOP-controlled legislature is undertaking a review of the presidential election, subpoenaing voter information that Democrats contend is an unprecedented intrusion into voter privacy.

In Michigan, the GOP has

focused on the state’s county boards of canvassers. The little-known committees’ power was briefly in the spotlight in November of 2020, when Trump urged the two Republican members of the board overseeing Wayne County, home to Democratic-bastion Detroit, to vote to block certification of the election.

Michigan officials say that if boards of canvassers don’t certify an election they can be sued and compelled to do so. Still, that process could cause chaos and be used as a rallying cry behind election disputes.

“They’re laying the groundwork for a slow-motion insurrection,” said Mark Brewer, an election lawyer and former chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

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